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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

1. MRS. L. W. POGUE, WIFE OF LOCAL ATTORNEY, HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO SEEK OUR ADVICE ON HOW A VARIETY OF TULIP CAN BE NAMED IN HONOR OF GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD, PILGRIM LEADER AND FIRST GOVERNOR OF THE PLYMOUTH COLONY IN NEW ENGLAND. MRS. POGUE IS HISTORIAN OF THE GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD COMPACT, AN ASSOCIATION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF BRADFORD. THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PILGRIMS LIVED IN LEIDEN FOR THE DECADE PRECEDING THEIR VOYAGE TO THE NEW WORLD AND THAT THEY LEARNED MUCH FROM THE DUTCH PEOPLE DURING THEIR STAY, THE NAMING OF THE TULIP FOR BRADFORD WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT BICENTENNIAL PROJECT AND A FITTING TRIBUTE TO DUTCH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. MRS. POGUE HAS CONTACTED THE WIFE OF THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR HERE, WHO SUPPORTED THE IDEA. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DUTCH EMBASSY'S AGATT. THE POGUES PLAN TO VISIT THE NETHERLANDS MAY 16-20 TO FOLLOW UP ON THE PROJECT.

2. DEPTOFF ADVISED MRS. POGUE THAT BEST METHOD OF GETTING A VARIETY OF TULIP NAMED WOULD PROBABLY INVOLVE CONTACTING
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A MAJOR DUTCH GROWER OF TULIP BULBS OR EVEN PERHAPS THE DUTCH BULB EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT WHEN THE POGUES ARE IN THE NETHERLANDS THEY MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY'S PAO, WHO IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES. IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO CONTACT THE AGATT.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PROJECT IS WORTHWHILE BUT DEFERS TO EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT AS TO WHAT ASSISTANCE IT CAN PROVIDE TO FACILITATE MRS. POGUE'S EFFORTS. FURTHER DETAILS PROVIDED BY MRS. POGUE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY, ATTENTION PAO. FYI: MR. POGUE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CAB FROM 1941 TO 1945. THEY WILL BE STAYING AT HOTEL OKURA IN AMSTERDAM. END FYI. KISSINGER

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